

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

2021-219

- ☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 6/24/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-219

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Gary Chambers
Address: P O. Box 74581, Baton Rouge, LA 70874-4581
Alt. Address: 6663 Willow Springs Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70811-4334
Office/Position: Baton Rouge North Economic Development District
Dates of Service: 2016-2020
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 9

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2017
Report ID: PFD20010005
Original Due Date: 5/15/2018
NOD Received: 11/17/2020 - Signed by: G. Chambers
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 11/27/2020
PFD/Answer Filed: 12/18/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1050
Days late from receipt of NOD: 21
Total days late from initial due date: 948
Late Fee Order Received: 2/22/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/15/2021
Waiver Request Received: 1/19/2021

COMMENTS:

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OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: Yes. 2018, & 2019. All \$1050 each

- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

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NOD Received: 11/17/2020 - Signed by: G. Chambers
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 11/27/2020
PFD/Answer Filed: 12/18/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1050
Days late from receipt of NOD: 21
Total days late from initial due date: 583
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Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/15/2021
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REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019
Report ID: PFD20010007
Original Due Date: 6/8/2020
NOD Received: 11/17/2020 - G. Chambers
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 11/27/2020
PFD/Answer Filed: 12/18/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1050
Days late from receipt of NOD: 21
Total days late from initial due date: 193
Late Fee Order Received: 2/22/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/15/2021
Waiver Request Received: 1/19/2021

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Dec. 23, 2020

Dear: Louisiana Board of Ethics

As the Interim Executive Director of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District, as well as a current Board Member, I want to thank you for assisting us to become compliant with the financial disclosure laws of our State. I write this letter requesting that I, and each of my fellow board members, be granted a waiver of fines related to tardiness in submitting our financial disclosure forms. All of us, both current and past board members, were not in compliance because we were informed by the previous Executive Director that our agency did not fall within the required financial disclosure requirements. For this reason, none of our board members submitted statements over the past four years. We intend to be in full compliance for future years.

Thanks in advance for your consideration,

Dr. James Gilmore, Jr.

Jacqueline Mims Ph.D.,
Chair

Brian LaFleur
Vice-Chair

Leroy Davis, Ph.D.
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NORTH
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ROUGE

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Thank you,

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JAN 19 '21 PM3:13

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